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Prior Group Art Unit: 2762

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicants : Christopher SPOONER et al.. )

Rule 53(b) Continuation Appln. of )

Appln. No.: 09/064,824 )

Filed : April 23, 1998 )

For : COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE USING )  
SELF-MANIPULATING TREES )

Atty. Dkt. : 32266-172291 )

) PRELIMINARY  
) AMENDMENT  
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May 14, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Prior to examination, please amend the application by inserting before the first line of the specification:

--This application is a continuation of S.N. 09/064,824 filed April 23, 1998--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 21-24.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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